Efficacy of Urine Therapy

†2897. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that urine therapy is being used widely by the people in many parts of the world;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to conduct research into the efficacy of urine therapy and to acquire knowledge about the works undertaken in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. P. THAKUR): (a) According to the Indian Council of Medical Research urine therapy is being used by people in many parts of the world. Ayurveda describes use of urine of 8 animals and also man for medicinal purposes.

(b) to (d) No scientifically validated study on the efficacy of urine therapy has been conducted anywhere in the world. The Indian Council of Medical Research and the Central Council of Research in Ayurveda and Siddha have also not conducted any study. For undertaking such study additional information is necessary.

Inclusion of ISM in the curriculum of MBBS

2898. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian system of medicine like Unani, Siddha, etc. are being included in the curriculum of MBBS;

(b) if so, whether the MCI proposes to approve this;

(c) whether the AIIMS is being asked to include ISM as a subject for teaching and practising; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) and (b) The Government of India have requested the Medical Council of India to consider inclusion of the basic principles and

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